MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cahaba Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

CONCORD CHURCH,

PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA,

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 16, 17 and 18, 1875.

OFFICERS:

PORTER KING, Moderator, Marion, Ala.
S. C. TRAMILL, Clerk, Greensboro, Ala.
ALFRED LAWSON, Treasurer, Marion, Ala.

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CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, }
Perry County, Ala., Oct. 16, 1875. }

The Cahaba Baptist Association convened pursuant to adjournment in its fifty-eighth annual session with Concord Baptist Church on Saturday before the 3rd Lords day in October A. D. 1875.

In the absence of Elder W. A. Bishop, in consequence of sickness, who had been chosen at the last Convocation to preach the introductory sermon; and the Alternate not having arrived; Elder W. B. Crumpton preached the introductory sermon to an attentive audience, from Genesis 4th Chapter and, part of 9th Verse. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

After one hours intermission the delegates and visiting brethren assembled, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Porter King, and opened with singing, and prayer, by Elder D. G. Lyon.

In the absence of Bro. J. W. Hudson, Clerk, Bro. W. C. Ward was requested to act as temporary Clerk.

The letters from the several Churches were called for and delivered by the Messengers. Brethren S. C. Tramill and B. F. Ellis were requested to read the letters.

The different Churches represented, and the several delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH.—Letter and Funds.

BETHLEHEM.—Brethren Thomas Potts and William McCraw.

BETHEL.—

CONCORD.—Elder I. U. Wilkes, Brethren Thomas Richardson, B. F. Bolling, J. W. Waters and S. A. Bolling.

EPHESUS.—Brethren N. L. Dobynes, David Gentry, J. F. Morton, and Wm. Taylor.

FELLOWSHIP.—Elder J. B. Poole, Brethren S. C. Tramill, H. W. Crawford and Enoch Fagan.

FRIENDSHIP.—Brethren John McFarland and William Pounds.

HOPEWELL.—Elder J. L. West and Bro. David S. Hogue.

MACEDONIA.—Letter and Funds.

MARS-HILL.—Elder J. S. Ford, Brethren W. R. Martin and G. Pitts.

MT. PLEASANT.—Letter and Funds.

MT. ZION.—Daniel B. Snead.

MT. HEBRON.—Represented by Elder J. S. Ford.

NEW-HOPE.—Elder W. O. Stephens, and Bro. J. R. Lawless.

NEWBERN.—Bro. R. D. Faggard.

OCMULGEE.—Brethren O. H. Perry, W. O. Perry, G. M. Smith and M. C. Curry.

Pine-Flat.—Brethren Joseph Vanderslice, E. P. George and W. P. Suttle.

Pisgah.—Brethren C. A. Cosby, Ira H. Huff, R. H. Wallace and C. C. Farrah.

Pleasant-Hill.—Bro. Cyrus Tingle.

Providence.—Elder W. B. Crumpton, Brethren B. F. Ellis, J. D. Mosely and B. P. Mosely.

Sardis.—Brethren W. D. Washburn and S. S. Poole.

Siloam.—Elders E. T. Winkler. M. T. Sumner, D. G. Lyon, I. B. Vaiden, Dr. J. T. Murfee, Brethren Porter King, Alfred Lawson, M. T. Sumner, Jr. and J. B. Lovelace.

Selma.—Elder E. B. Teague, Brethren W. C. Ward and James Brazier.

Union.—Letter and Funds.

The first business before the Association was the election of Officers, for the ensuing year, resulting in the election of Brethren Porter King, Moderator; S. C. Tramill, Clerk; and Alfred Lawson, Treasurer.

The Moderator on entering the duties of the present session, addressed the members in a few appropriate remarks, in an impressive manner, stating the important work to come before the body, and in addition to our annual deliberations,—the great Centennial movement that is now so hopefully prevailing throughout our land with Baptists, expressing their gratitude to Heaven for the Christian privilege of rejoicing in the coming of the one hundredth anniversary of our religious liberty.

Received Correspondence as follows:

Tuscaloosa Association.—Letter and Minutes.

Mulberry Association.—Elder J. M. Langston, with Letter and Minutes.

Returned Correspondence as follows:

Tuscaloosa Association.—Elder W. A. Bishop, Brethren S. C. Tramill and R. Y. Woods.

Union Association.—Dr. J. T. Murfee, Elder J. S. Ford and Bro. T. J. Kinnaird.

Shelby Association.—Dr. E. B. Teague, Elder I. U. Wilkes and Bro. M. T. Sumner, Jr.

Mulberry Association.—Dr. M. T. Sumner, Elders D. G. Lyon and Carter Tubb, and Bro. C. A. Cosby.

Pine Barren Association.—Dr. M. T. Sumner, Elder W. B. Crumpton, Brethren Jno. Haralson, W. C. Ward, R. C Keeble, O. H. Perry and J. D. Moseley.

Bigbee Association.—Elders J. S. Ford, J. L. West, and Bro. D. S. Hogue.

Alabama Association.—Dr. E. T. Winkler, Elder D. G. Lyon and Bro. Porter King.

Bethel Association.—Elder W. B. Crumpton, Brethren B. F. Ellis

and James Brazier.

Elder D. G. Lyon was recognized as the representative of the "Alabama Baptist," our State organ.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees :

On Devotional Exercises.—Pastor, Deacons and Delegates, of Concord Church.

On Finance.—Brethren D. S. Hogue, B. F. Bolling and W. D. Washburn.

On Home Missions.—Bro. W. C. Ward, in absence of Bro. C. C. Huckabee.

On Sunday Schools.—Dr. E. B. Teague, in absence of Bro. R. C. Keeble.

On Temperance.—Bro. B. F. Ellis, in absence of Elder Carter Tubb.

On State Missions.—Elders W. B. Crumpton, I. U. Wilkes and J. L. West.

On the "Alabama Baptist."—Elder D. G. Lyon, Brethren H. W. Crawford and E. P. George.

On Letters and Documents.—Elders I. U. Wilkes, W. O. Stephens and Bro. G. M. Smith.

On Arrangement and Nomination.—Brethren B. F. Bolling, B. F. Ellis, O. H. Perry, R. D. Faggard and Cyrus Tingle.

On Nomination of Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.—Elders J. S. Ford, J. B. Poole, Brethren C. A. Cosby, J. D. Moseley, Enoch Fagan and Willie O. Perry.

The following resolution was offered by Elder W. B. Crumpton :

Resolved, That when this Association adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1876, with the Providence Church, Dallas County. Resolution referred to the Committee on Arrangement and Nomination.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. W. C. Ward :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by the Moderator, to draft a form for a statistical letter, to be sent by the Churches of this Association to its annual sessions, and to be set forth in the Minutes of the Association. Resolution adopted, whereupon the following Committee was appointed : Bro. W. C. Ward, Elder W. B. Crumpton and Bro. R. H. Wallace.

The Treasurers report submitted and adopted. Appendix A.

Report on Education submitted, and made special order for tomorrow 2 P. M.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted, adopted, and as follows :

Prayer Meeting at 9 A. M. Sunday morning, to be conducted by Elder John S .Ford. Preaching at 11 A. M. by Dr. E. B. Teague. Centennial Mass Meeting, at 2 P. M. Opening address by Dr. E. T. Winkler.

On motion adjourned to Sunday 2 P. M. Prayer by Elder J. S. Ford.

SUNDAY MORNING, Oct. 17, 1875.

Prayer Meeting conducted by Elder John S. Ford, 9 o'clock A. M.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Dr. E. B. Teague, in his usual impressive Gospel style and earnest zeal, to a large audience, from the 2nd verse of the 6th chapter of Hebrews, "The doctrine of Baptisms."

After preaching, a few remarks were made by Dr. M. T. Sumner, in his accustomed happy way, in behalf of the Home Mission Cause, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $16.25.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 P. M. Singing and prayer by Elder J. L. West.

The report on Education was first in order, and read by the Clerk.

In connection with the report, the Centennial addresses were ably delivered by Dr. Winkler and Bro. W. C. Ward, abounding in great historical facts and scriptural truths, and the report was well sustained by Dr. Sumner, Dr. Teague, Elders Wilkes and Crumpton and Bro. J. G. Apsey, and others, and unanimously adopted. Appendix B.

As a token of gratitude to Heaven for this soul liberty, one hundred dollars were raised under the Centennial movement for the Endowment of Howard College.

On motion adjourned to Monday 9 A. M. Prayer by Dr. M. T. Sumner.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock A. M. Oct. 18, 1875.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, with singing and prayer by Bro. W. C. Ward.

Minutes of preceeding part of the session read and approved.

Bro. W. C. Ward offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That this Association appoint a Committee to consist of one member of each Church of the Association, to take in charge the Centennial work in the Church of which he shall be a member, to solicit and receive all moneys that may be contributed for the Endowment of Howard College.

Resolved, 2nd. That the several pastors of the several Churches of this Association be added to this Committee.

Resolution unanimously adopted. Appendix C.

Report on Foreign Missions submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted. Appendix D.

Report on Sabbath Schools submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted. Appendix E.

Report on State Missions submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted. Appendix F.

Report on Home Missions submitted, discussed and unanimously adopted, after a ecollction was taken up amounting to $8.45 in cash,

and $25.00 pledged by Providence Church. Appendix G.

Report on the "Alabama Baptist" submitted, ably sustained, and unanimously adopted. Appendix I.

Report on Temperance submitted and adopted. Appendix K.

Report on Statistical letter, submitted and adopted. Appendix L.

Report on Letters and Documents, submitted, discussed and adopted. Appendix M.

Report on Finance submitted, amended and adopted. Appendix O.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, made the following nomination: Elders W. A. Bishop, J. L. West, J. S. Ford, D. G. Lyon, I. U. Wilkes, A. J. Kynard, Brethren W. C. Ward, S. C. Tramill, C. A. Cosby, O. H. Perry, L. W. Johnson and J. P. Harris. Nomination adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. E. T. Winkler:

Resolved, That hereafter, instead of the standing Committee on Temperance, there shall be a standing Committee on the Religious State of Churches. Unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Arrangement and Nomination submitted the following report:

That the next session of this Association be held with Providence Baptist Church, Dallas County, convening Friday 11 A. M. before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1876. Elder J. L. West to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. S. Ford, Alternate. At 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday, Dr. E. T. Winkler to preach, and Elder I. U. Wilkes, Alternate. Sabbath School addresses by Elder F. M. Bailey and Bro. Jno. Haralson, Sunday morning. Report unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following standing Committees appointed by the Moderator.

On Education.—Dr. J. T. Murfee, Dr. M. T. Sumner and Elder W. A. Bishop.

On Foreign Missions.—Elders I. U. Wilkes, J. B. Poole and Carter Tubb.

On Home Missions.—Elder J. L. West, Brethren M. T. Sumner, Jr. and C. C. Huckabee.

On State Missions.—Elder W. B. Crumpton, Brethren B. F. Ellis and B. P. Mosely.

On Sunday Schools.—Brethren W. C. Ward, R. C. Keeble and J. W. Hudson.

On Religious Condition of Churches.—Bro. J. P. Harris, Dr. E. T. Winkler and Elder J. S. Ford.

On the "Alabama Baptist."—Elder D. G. Lyon, Bro. J. B. Lovelace, Elder J. M. Heard, Brethren H. W. Crawford, E. P. George, Willie O. Perry, T. J. Kinnaird and H. G. Snead. [Note—The last named Committee are affectionately urged to extend the circulation of the "Alabama Baptist," our State organ, by obtaining all the sub-

scribers they can, by our next annual session.]

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens of this community, and to the members of Concord Church, for their most liberal hospitality and kind attention to the delegates and visiting brethren.

The following parting hymn was sung:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above, &c.

During which time the Delegates and brethren gave to each other the parting hand, after which closing prayer by Dr. E. B. Teague. The Association then adjourned to meet with Providence Baptist Church Dallas County, on Friday 11 A. M. before the 3rd Sunday in October, A. D. 1876.

PORTER KING, Moderator.

S. C. TRAMILL, Clerk.

☞ Thanks will be returned to any brother, brethren, Church or Churches, for Minutes of the past sessions of the Cahaba Baptist Association, for the purpose of binding the same, for the use of our Association in the first Century of our Religious Liberty. CLERK.

APPENDIX A.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

ALFRED LAWSON, Treasurer,

1874. In account with the Cahaba Baptist Association.

Oct. 19.	To amount received for			Home Missions	$63 15
	"	"	"	" Foreign Missions	8 45
	"	"	"	" Minutes	39 25
	"	"	"	" Associational Purposes	14 90
	"	"	"	" Widows' Fund	8 50
	"	"	"	" Theological Students at Howard College	10 00
	"	"	"	" China Missions	1 00

	"	"	"	" Mrs. Hartwell.....	1 00	
	"	"	"	" Publishing Constitution...	4 60	$150 85
1874.				Cr.		
Oct. 22.	By Dr. M. T. Sumner's receipt C. S. H. M. B.....				$73 60	
" 20.	By J. W. Hudson's receipt Clerk of Cahaba Association				58 75	
Nov. 18.	By J. B. Lovelace's receipt Treasurer Howard College				10 00	
" 18.	By H. W. Crawford's receipt Widows' Fund.....				8 50	$150 85

Respectfully Submitted October 16, 1875,

ALFRED LAWSON, Treasurer.

APPENDIX B.—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to urge the importance of Education upon the Churches of this Association. Situated so near our noble institutions of learning at Marion, hearing their merits presented every year at the meeting of the Association, and, we trust liberally patronizing them; it is to be presumed they are wide awake on the all important subject.

It is known to all, that our Howard College has been, for a number of years, struggling on without an endowment, thus imperiling its existence. By a strange Providence, it has weathered the storm, and still lives equal in merit to any College in the land.

This being the Centennial of our National Liberties, which the Nation proposes to celebrate in a becoming manner, we are glad to know that our Baptist brethren in these United States design to observe it—celebrating that higher liberty—the liberty of conscience, which our fore-fathers by their sufferings, secured to us, by endowing our Colleges, which will be a lasting monument to their memories, and a blessing to the world for ages to come.

Your Committee therefore recommend:

1st. That the members of our Churches engage heartily in this work, by contributing to the endowment, making this as it ought to be, the Banner Association of the State in this work.

2nd. That parents who hope to give their sons and daughters an Education, begin that good work this year, while so many efforts are being put forth in the cause of Education, and so many prayers offered in its behalf.

3rd. That the Institutions at Marion are worth our patronage and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. CRUMPTON, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.—CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATON.

CHURCH.	NAME.	POST OFFICE AND COUNTY.
Antioch,	J. C. Hodges,	Greensboro, Hale Co.
Bethlehem,	Thomas Potts,	Pinetucky, Perry Co.
Bethel,	N. J. Thompson,	Centreville, Bibb Co.
Concord,	B. F. Bolling,	Radfordsville, Perry Co.
Ephesus,	J. F. Morton,	Pinetucky, Perry Co.
Fellowship,	H. W. Crawford,	Morgan-Spring, Perry Co.
Friendship,	John McFarland,	Pinetucky, Perry Co.
Hopewell,	David S. Hogue,	Marion, Perry Co.
Macedonia,	P. Holston,	Havana, Hale Co.

Mars-Hill,	W. R. Martin,	Marion, Perry Co.
Medline,	W. H. Nichols,	Hardy, Dallas Co.
Mt. Pleasant,	R. Y. Woods,	Carthage, Hale Co.
Mt. Hebron,	James Holbrook,	Acron-Station, Hale Co.
Mt. Zion,	Daniel B. Snead,	Centreville, Bibb Co.
New-Hope,	J. R. Lawless,	Brush-Creek, Perry Co.
Newbern,	R. D. Faggard,	Newbern, Hale Co.
Ocmulgee,	O. H. Perry,	Summerfield, Dallas Co.
Pine-Flat,	Joseph Vanderslice,	Perryville, Perry Co.
Pleasant-Hill,	Cyrus Tingle,	Carthage, Hale Co.
Pisgah,	C. C. Farrah,	Perryville, Perry Co.
Providence,	Lewis W. Johnson,	Cambridge, Dallas Co.
Sardis,	W. D. Washburn,	Jericho, Perry Co.
Siloam,	John G. Apsey,	Marion, Perry Co.
Selma,	Jno. Haralson,	Selma, Dallas Co.
Union,	T. J. Kinnaird,	Greensboro, Hale Co.

With the several pastors of the several Churches of this Association added.

W. C. WARD, Chairman,
Central Centennial Committee Cahaba Baptist Association,
Selma Alabama.

APPENDIX D.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is undoubtedly the spirit of the New Testament. Actuated by this spirit, the early Christians endeavored, to the full extent of their means and ability, to carry out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Then self-denying exertions, however, were only coexistent with the purity of the primitive Church. As the Church became corrupt, the missionary spirit languished and died, except, perhaps, in the hearts of an honored few, whose principles were perpetuated all through the dark ages, and whose Christlike spirit, at length entering into the hearts of Carey, Sutcliff, Fuller and others, led to the formation of that society which has brought about, within the last eighty years, such a wonderful revolution in the Christian world, with regard to the great duty of preaching the gospel to every creature.

Since the formation of the English Baptist Missionary Society, under the influence of Carey and his coadjutors, although but little over eighty years have passed, the converts to Christianity, through the instrumentality of Foreign Missions, are counted by thousands.

At present, almost the whole world is open to the preaching of the gospel.—From every quarter is heard the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."—Men from our own ranks have responded to the call. Some of our own brethren and sisters are already in the field, and have been for years, doing a noble work. Others are ready to go so soon as the means of supporting them can be raised.

In view of these encouraging "signs of promise," it becomes our most sacred duty to exert ourselves to the utmost in carrying on the great work of preaching to the heathen every where, "the glorious gospel of the blessed God."

We recommend:

1st. That every Church organize "missionary prayer-meetings," to be held as often as each Church may deem best, when special prayer shall be offered for the success of missions, and when the pastor shall impart such missionary intelligence as he may deem advisable for the encouragement of his people in this important work.

2nd. That our pastors inform themselves, and keep their people posted, with reference to missionary operations; and that they occasionally preach on the subject.

3rd. That our pastors instruct their people with reference to the privilege, not to say duty, of contributing of their substance to the cause of Christ; and that our people be encouraged to bring their free-will offerings every time they appear before the Lord (Deut. 16: 16, 17), for this and other benevolent objects.

Respectfully Submitted,

JNO. L. WEST, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.—REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In the absence of statistics and facts, to collect which there has been no time or means, we report that it is entirely scriptural and appropriate to meet together on the Sabbath day, to study God's holy word—a most profitable supplement to private study.

That old and young should so meet.

That an unfailing means of gathering the children, is for the parents to go to Sabbath School with them.

That a competent Superintendent ought to be selected, who will drive the Sabbath School as he would the business on which his bread depends, with the addition of that holy enthusiasm that longs and strives for the conversion of souls.

That competent teachers are to be chosen, who will love the work, prepare themselves, always be on hand and throw such spirit into their instructions, as shall keep their classes interested. These things are indispensable to keeping up a common school, but when invoked, never fail of securing success. Will they not secure success in the Sabbath School? Let no one be discouraged with the feeling of incapacity—that depends more on zeal in preparation, than any thing else. Common sense, next to the light of the Sabbath School, is the best expositor of God's word.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. B. TEAGUE, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.—REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee are pleased to report, that since our last meeting, the State Mission Board has had in its employ an efficient Evangelist, who has traversed the State; supplying destitute points with the Gospel, and aiding pastors in meetings. This Evangelist's labors have resulted in great good to the Denomination.

Recently, two other good men have been appointed in different parts of the State. These men go out under the instruction of the Board. It is made their duty—first to preach the Gospel—then to present all the interests of the Denomination. This they are most effectually doing.

This work deserves our sympathies, and should receive our hearty co-operation.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. CRUMPTON,
I. U. WILKES,
J. L. WEST,
} Committee.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Appointed to make this report since arriving at the place of meeting, it is impossible for your Committee to present the facts necessary for well informed action. It will avail nothing to offer arguments to persuade the Baptists of the Cahaba Association, of the importance of Home Missions. The religious destitution prevailing in all parts of the country, the removal from our community, or the withdrawal from the ministry, of pious and devoted preachers of the Gospel, because they are not supported; the waste places of Zion that everywhere meet the zealous follower of the cross, call upon us for renewed and energized effort to hold up the standard of Jesus. To meet the demands of the hour, to carry the Gospel to every hearth-stone, and to every heart; to keep it within reach of the Indians on our borders, and to send it to the places of destitution in various sections of the Southern country, we need a simple working plan that will commend itself to the Church. Cannot the membership be persuaded to adopt a regular system of small contributions, that will in the end reach a sum sufficient for all our wants? This must be the work of the ministers to a large extent. If the members of any one Church, will at the stated monthly meetings, each contribute the small sum of five cents, this will in the year reach a sum larger than ever before contributed by such Church, and will besides educate the membership in the habit of regularly giving. This plan of obtaining small sums from the great number, is the surest, cheapest and most practicable mode of raising money for Church purposes.

The Cahaba Baptist Association is to be congratulated upon the return to its bosom of Dr. W. H. McIntosh, who comes to us as the Corresponding Secretary of the House Mission Board. Let us hold up his hands.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. WARD, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.—REPORT ON THE "ALABAMA BAPTIST."

Begun in the face of many discouragements and strong opposition, the "Alabama Baptist," located in Marion, has for nearly two years been in successful operation.

The work which it has done in uniting our people, in making known to each other the various portions of the State, in disseminating Baptist principles, and in giving publicity to those enterprises dear to the heart of the Denomination, cannot be contemplated without emotions of profound gratitude.

Without one cent of endowment, through the gratuitous labors of its Editors and other devoted brethren, and under the kind blessings of Providence, the paper, we are happy to report occupies to-day a higher place of usefulness than ever.

So far as our own Association is concerned, we are sorry to say, that the "Alabama Baptist" does not circulate so largely here, as in certain other sections. Since this is the case, and since it is our distinguished honor to have the paper located within our bounds, we do most earnestly recommend to each of our brethren, to first subscribe for himself, and then consider himself a special agent in extending its circulation.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. G. LYON,
H. W. CRAWFORD,
E. P. GEORGE,
} Committee.

APPENDIX K.—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee feel that they cannot condemn too severely the immoderate use of spirituous liquors, and recommend that the Churches unqualifiedly censure such practice among their members.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. F. ELLIS, Chairman.

APPENDIX L.—REPORT AND FORM OF STATISTICAL LETTER.

The Cahaba Baptist Association, for the purposes of obtaining more accurate information of the condition of the Churches, and what they are doing, recommend to the Churches as a form for an Associational letter, the following:

The.....Baptist Church to the Cahaba Baptist Association, sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren:

We send as delegates to aid in your deliberations our brethren..... .. ..We have for pastor Elder.... .....

Our statistics are a follows:

Since Re'cd.	Pr Ct. W. C.	For What Disbursed.	Church Services.	Post Office.
Membership last reported.....		Pastors salary.....		
By Baptism.....		Church expenses.....		
By letter.....		Home Missions.....		
No. Dead.....		State Missions.....		
Excluded.....		Foreign Missions.....		
Whites.....		Education.....		
Colored.....		Poor.....		
Total.....		Minutes.....		
No. in Sunday School.....		Associational Purposes.....		
No. copies of Religious papers taken.		Preaching.....		
Whole amount of money collected.		Prayer meeting.....		
		Average attendance.....		
		Sunday School expenses.....		
		Sunday School collection.....		

Remarks:

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. WARD,
W. B. CRUMPTON,
R. H. WALLACE,
} Committee.

APPENDIX M.—REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report upon examination of the letters and documents, that they find the following resolution from Fellowship Church for the action of the Association:

"Whereas the number of Churches in the Cahaba Baptist Association have so diminished, and the number of ministers, who have the pastoral charge of Church

or Churches have so decreased, be it therefore—

Resolved, By Fellowship Baptist Church, That her delegates be instructed to petition the Association in its coming session, to change, or so amend its Constitution as to make all regularly ordained pastors within the bounds of the Association honorary members, earnestly requesting them to attend each annual session of the Association by virtue of their office, with full power in every respect as delegates, whereby our Churches may be more fully represented by laymen, and the Association increased in representation."

After considering the Resolution as offered, we deem it as being one of grave importance, closely connected with principles of a delicate character—principles which could be justly construed, as submissive of Baptist principles of long standing. Your Committee suggest that its adoption would not be expedient without more mature deliberation.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. U. WILKES,
W. O. STEPHENS. } Committee.
G. M. SMITH,

APPENDIX O.—REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Received for	Home Missions	$67 00	
"	" Foreign Missions	50 00	
"	" Associational Purposes	20 00	
"	" Minutes	40 00	
"	" Widows' Fund	5 00	$182 00

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By Alfred Lawson Treasurer's Receipt for same $182 00

Providence Baptist Church contributed during the present year the following amounts:

For State Missions	$67 80	
" Home Missions	17 25	
" Foreign Missions	17 75	
" Howard College	20 00	$122 80

(Part of the amounts are in vouchers.)

Hopewell Baptist Church has contributed the following amounts:

For Hopewell Sunday School	$16 60	
" Foreign Missions	10 00	
" Home Missions	11 00	
" San Antonio Texas Mission	11 75	$ 49 35

Siloam Baptist Church has contributed the following amounts:

For the Poor	$126 86	
" San Antonio Texas Mission	25 00	
" State Missions	25 00	
" Foreign Missions	6 75	
" Home Missions	53 00	
" Sunday Schools	117 00	
" Lauderdale Orphans	31 00	
" Tuscumbia Sufferers	16 00	$400 61

NOTE.—Amounts contributed by other Churches not reported.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAVID S. HOGUE,
B. F. BOLLING, } Committee.
W. D. WASHBURN,

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.
Antioch	1					1	37	Greensboro	Hale	W. A. Bishop	J. C. Hodges
Bethlehem	22	5	1	6	4	1	145	Pinetucky	Perry	J. M. Heard	J. H. Seals
Bethel								Centreville	Bibb	R. S. Jones	N. J. Thompson
Concord				7	1		137	Radfordsville	Perry	I. U. Wilkes	S. A. Bolling
Ephesus	12				1	2	99	Pinetucky	Perry	Carter Tubb	T. J. Worrell
Fellowship	1	3		3	1	1	96	Brush Creek	Perry	J. S. Ford	J. A. Gray
Friendship	5	3		4	1		67	Pinetucky	Perry	I. M. Hicks	Isham Pounds
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Mars Hill	2			1		2	64	Marion	Perry	J. M. Heard	S. H. Ford
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Mt. Plesant				5	1		67	Carthage	Hale	W. A. Bishop	J. J. Mills
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New Hope	14			1			86	Brush Creek	Perry	Carter Tubb	J. M. Stevens
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Providence	15	3	1			4	89	Cambridge	Dallas	W. B. Crumpton	L. W. Johnson
Sardis	2	3		1			80	Jericho	Perry	J. B. Poole	W. D. Washburn
Siloam	8	16		21	3	4	275	Marion	Perry	E. T. Winkler	M. T. Sumner, Jr
Selma		10		9		2	167	Selma	Dallas	E. B. Teague	H. A. Haralson
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